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To Whom it may concern,

I received a notice today about the Public Hearing regarding the "Special Service District" charges for 2004. I have always been and still am in favor of this.

My concern is this: When this was proposed and began years ago it stopped at 19th and Central because the owner of "Rythmland Roller Kink" did not want to participate. This caused alot of hardship for Seniors in the Highrise at 1801 Central Avenue. They need and deserve better attention. Said owner is no longer doing business there. The building has sold and been remodeled, and now is Patel Grocery. Some of my patrons have a hard time navigating the walk ways and street crossings between 18th, 18^{1/2}, and 19th and Central. And with the new "Monroe Village" Senior Housing being built next to me at 1900 Central, I think it's time we extend this district all the way to 18th and Central.

I am speaking as a business owner, a Holland Neighborhood Home Owner, and as a ^{Board} member of H.N.I.A.

Sincerely,
Danny Cousins

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Memorandum

To: Jeff Johnson

Fr. Cindy Fitzpatrick

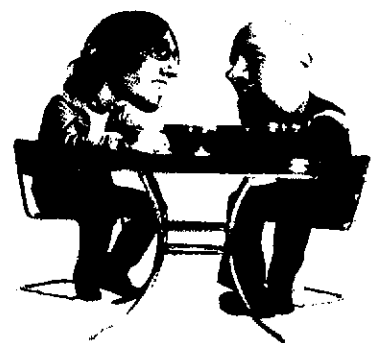
Dt: 11/13/03

Re: Assessment of Special Services Fees in Uptown

I will not be able to attend the public hearing on Monday November 17th, 2003.

The Uptown Special Service Advisory Committee has approved the budget as sent to Jeffrey Johnson and the method of assessment to remain the same as last year.

We met on October 16, 2001, January 24, 2002, and September 11, 2003 to review the assessment method. In the three years of reviewing the method we have had the same outcome, - to keep the assessment method the same. If I can be of any other help please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 612-701-7997.



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To: Jeff Johnson
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Reference: Public hearing on upper Nicollet

Thank you for giving me more information on the expenses and work contemplated for the 15th and Nicollet area.

As owner of some properties in the area covered, I get the requests of tenants to reduce costs that they are paying whenever we can.

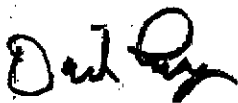
I hope the planned project for this area is one that can reduce some costs by eliminating some of the ornamental expenses planned in the budget.

This is an area that is frequented by citizens of Minneapolis from all over as well as out of town people. I think many of the costs bore by the property owners in the area should be City wide expenses for this reasons.

I hope the committee will cut expenses by as much as one-third.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Lasky

Memo

To: Anita Roby
From: Jeffrey A. Johnson *JAJ*
CC: Suzette Hjermstad, Cindy Fitzpatrick, Ruth Weisberg
Date: 11/14/03
Re: Uptown Special Service District Assessments

On Thursday, November 13. I received a phone call from Ruth Weisberg. She had NO issues with the proposed 2004 budget for the Uptown SSD. However, she did express a concern about the method used in assessing the cost of these services. Ruth felt that sidewalk snow removal was best assessing on a front footage basis as this most closely equates to the actual work performed. As to the balance of the proposed budget, Ruth felt that another method of assessment such as area or assessed valuation is used, as this would be more equitable. I mentioned that sidewalk snow removal was about 75% of the proposed budget. In addition, the proposed assessment formulae being used incorporates a combination of assessed valuation and property front footage. Closer examination notes that the break out is 26% assessed valuation and 74% front footage. This closely corresponds to her thoughts. She indicated that she was satisfied with my explanation and would not be attending the public hearing. I mentioned that I would note her concerns in the record.